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sales tax; about the same difference. The bigger they are, the more exemptions. No, I stand in...I stand in opposition to Senator Engel's division here. I...I don't think it's the right thing to do. And I know in the last few days we're going to have every aspect come at us that we haven't even thought about yet. We're going to have all kinds of people that will be coming...coming off their stools. The lobby will be busier now than they've ever been, all protecting their turf. I say no. If we're going to do this, then do it to everyone. Let's not exempt. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Engel, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, would you respond?

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: What would the tax, if we go with your amendment, what would the tax...what would it...what effect would it have on the price of...of gas?

SENATOR ENGEL: On...on the gas tax?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR ENGEL: Probably, I...I don't have...I'm sorry, I don't have the figure because I wasn't working down (inaudible), but probably very little.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You don't think it will go down? Is that what you're saying, don't go down?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, it would go down some because it...all...all the vehicle taxes go into that equation, into the...the Highway Trust Fund. So it would come down some.

SENATOR HARTNETT: It...but it deals...it deals with a variable